



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Melissa K. Ambre, Director  
Office of School Finance

**DATE:** July 26, 2021

**SUBJECT:** School Technology Advance Applications (STAA) and Common School Loan Technology Amendment

Indiana Code 20-49-6 establishes the School Technology Advancement Account within the Common School Fund. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is available annually for the purpose of loaning money to school corporations for the purchase of computer hardware and software to be used for student instruction and for the development and implementation of innovation technology projects. If the total amount of all the requests for advancements is greater than \$5,000,000, the department ranks the requests according to the assessed valuation per pupil. School corporations with the lowest assessed valuation per pupil have priority.

Under State Board rule 511 IAC 1-2.5, the amount of advancements range from a minimum of \$20,000 to a maximum determined under the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the ADM of the school corporation.

STEP TWO: Divide the ADM determined under STEP ONE by 25.

STEP THREE: Multiply the amount determined under STEP TWO by \$500.

The Treasurer of the State of Indiana administers STAA loan agreements and typically establishes the following repayment schedule:

- \$ 20,000 — \$ 50,999 2 years
- \$ 51,000 — \$100,999 3 years
- \$101,000 — \$300,000 4 years
- more than \$300,000 5 years

The Office of School Finance accepted applications from June 21 through July 16, 2021. The Office received requests from 8 school corporations. Based upon internal discussions regarding the 8 applications received and reviewed by the Department, we recommend that you approve the 7 requests and deny one application listed on the chart below at the August 11, 2021, meeting of the Board.

We recommend approval of \$1,488,440 in school technology advancement loans. The Department also recommends denial of the charter school application because charter schools are not eligible for STAA loans. Because there were additional funds available for distribution, we



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further recommend approval of additional advancements in the amount of \$528,240 resulting in a grand total of \$2,016,680 as referenced below:

Unit Code	School Corporation Name	Amount Requested (including additional funds)	Amount Recommended (including additional funds)
7995	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation	\$828,000	\$828,000
7175	Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation	\$228,800	\$217,040
1900	Cowan Community Schools	\$24,320	\$20,420
8115	MSD of Warren County	\$26,200	\$26,200
0235	Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$569,200	\$553,820
2305	Elkhart Community Schools	\$229,500	\$229,500
6910	Milan Community School Corporation	\$141,700	\$141,700
9735	The Nature School of Central Indiana (charter school)	\$101,000	\$0.00

## **Project Descriptions:**

**Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 31 Promethean Panels for Caze Elementary School
- 28 Promethean Panels for Cynthia Heights Elementary School
- 21 Promethean Panels for Daniel Wertz Elementary School
- 32 Promethean Panels for Delaware Elementary School
- 26 Promethean Panels for Dexter Elementary School

**Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 50 Laptops and Wireless Adapters for Grissom Middle School
- 60 Laptops and Wireless Adapters for Discovery Middle School
- 70 Laptops and Wireless Adapters for Schmucker Middle School
- 28 Laptops and Wireless Adapters for Penn High School

**Cowan Community Schools** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 107 Lenovo Chromebooks with Google Management licenses for Cowan Jr./Sr. High School

**MSD of Warren County** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 10 Document Cameras for Pine Village Elementary School
- 13 Document Cameras for Williamsport Elementary School



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- 17 Document Cameras for Warren Central Elementary School

**Fort Wayne Community Schools** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 480 Student Laptops for elementary schools
- 50 Document Cameras for elementary schools
- 50 replacement Projectors for elementary schools
- 220 Student Laptops for middle schools
- 11 Spike Robotic Kits for middle schools
- 10 Audio/Visual Monitors for middle schools
- 259 Student Laptops for high schools
- 4 Document Cameras for high schools
- 2 Audio/Visual 75” Monitors for high schools
- Cables, Batteries, Cases for all grade levels

**Elkhart Community Schools** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- VDI Licensing for Academic Lab Use for all schools by need
- 43 replacement Classroom Projectors and Installation for all schools by need
- Microsoft Select Software for all schools by need
- 150 Adobe Creative Cloud Software Licenses for Elkhart East High School
- 150 Adobe Creative Cloud Software Licenses for Elkhart West High School
- 75 Adobe Creative Cloud Software Licenses for middle schools

**Milan Community School Corporation** – The school corporation will use the funds to purchase the following:

- 75 Chromebooks for Milan Elementary School
- 85 Chromebooks for Milan Middle School
- 100 Chromebooks for Milan High School